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■ **WAINFLEET:** Fair underway

■ **TERRY FOX RUN:** More than \$11,000 raised

Sunny forecast for fair

EDDIE CHAU
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Sunflowers need a lot of sun and care in order to grow.

It's so simple people of all ages can grow sunflowers. At the Wainfleet Fall Fair, it's encouraged.

And there's prize money involved too.

In keeping with the events' theme this year: Sunflowers - Watch Us Grow, the Wainfleet Agricultural Society, the organizers of the annual fair, have incorporated a sunflower growing contest to its list of attractions for 2011.

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LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey got more than a little off the top when Coun. Bill Steele demonstrated his skills as a barber prior to Sunday's Terry Fox Run in Port Colborne. The mayor was among many people who had their heads shaved in raise money for cancer research.

Hair today, fundraising for cancer tomorrow

LINDSAY COSTELLO
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Bald is beautiful.

The lakeside city kicked off Terry Fox Day with a head shaving at H.H. Knoll Park prior to trekking across the city as part of the Marathon of Hope.

Before setting out along the planned three-and-five-kilometre routes, a crowd gathered to watch participants lose their locks, including Mayor Vance Badawey and event organizer Nancy Salvage, who shaved her head for the fifth year in a row.

Last year Salvage entered a Guinness Book of World



Salvage

Records head shave in which 57 people participated and plans to gather 100 participants for the 35th annual Terry Fox Run.

While this year was not about record breaking, many still stepped up to the plate. About a dozen signed up to have their locks shorn, while others made a spur-of-the-moment choice to show their support.

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■ FALL FAIR

Festivities include several new draws

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"We haven't had a sunflower growing contest in a while so we wanted to bring it back," said David Wyatt, president of the Wainfleet Agricultural Society. "It's quite easy to grow sunflowers. There are two types of sunflowers. Those that grow to six to seven feet tall, as well as mini ones."

The contest is open to all residents of Wainfleet and Port Colborne in two categories: preschool and elementary exhibitors and secondary and adult exhibitors.

Prizes will be awarded in each class for three criteria: largest sunflower head complete with stalk, best formed sunflower head complete with stock and tallest stalk complete with head at ground level.

The first place winner will receive a voucher for seeds sponsored by Stokes along with \$3 in cash. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five winners.

This year's Wainfleet Fall Fair started Thursday and runs to Saturday at the Wainfleet Arena and fairgrounds.

New to the fair this year includes Anna's Inflatables, an exhibit by London Reptile Kingdom, Displays by Niagara Antique Power Association, a race car simulator, Shriner's booth, stock car exhibit and a

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In addition to the new attractions there will be many returning favourites including the 4-H club and rabbit shows, antique tractor pulling, cattle show, demolition derby, hay rides, paintball, parades and the corn eating contest to name a few.

For those who can belt out

a tune, Wainfleet Idol returns with expanded age groups with more opportunities to win cash prizes. Wyatt said the contest is open to participants in three categories: aged seven to 12, aged 13 to 18 and aged 19 plus.

Admission prices vary depending on the day.

On Sept. 22, entrance to the arena and midway is \$2 for adults and children over 12, while the tractor pull is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

On Sept. 23, seniors can get in for \$4 for the fair between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., while regular price for the fair is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Admission to the tractor pull is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

On Sept. 24, admission is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children.

For a full listing of events or for more information visit: site.google.com/site/wainfleetfallfair.

■ PORT CARES: Cruise collects food donations



Staff Photo

Rachelie Anderson, Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre operations coordinator, accepts a large donation of nonperishable food items from Gord Gibbs, Niagara Rods and Rides cruise coordinator. The food was collected on Sept. 10 during the Niagara Rods and Rides annual cruise, in which 17 vehicles participated.

■ TERRY FOX

Port's event raises \$11,500

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While pledges and donations were accepted, Salvage said he was focused on promote the spirit of Terry Fox rather than simply raising money for the foundation.

"I want people to have fun with this," she said. Salvage, who has been organizing the event for the past eight years, said she wanted to ensure Fox's legacy

lived on and believes he is still making an impact today.

"Terry Fox is just as much a hero as he was 31 years ago," she said.

"If people are willing to come together and support the foundation and celebrate Terry, that is what I want to promote."

Salvage said the community show its support again this year, adding that many

formed teams in support of friends and family who are battling cancer.

Port Colborne's Terry Fox Run, which raised \$11,500, also included draws, food and a chance to learn more about the cause with facts about Fox and the Terry Fox Foundation posted in the park.

"It's nice to be doing it yet again," she said. "It just feels right."

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■ SURFING

Catching waves

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photos

A group of surfers took to the waves off of Holloway Bay last week. The wavy conditions were perfect for the nearly dozen or so who took to Lake Erie.



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■ ourview

Talking poverty

Poverty needs to be taken seriously, said Rev. Jim Mulligan, a member of the Holy Cross Fathers at St. Kevin Church in Welland, last week. Mulligan, along with Pat Colborne's Bridges Community Health Centre, launched a button and sign blitz encouraging all political parties and electoral candidates to make a commitment to ending poverty in the province in this decade.

Bridges and St. Kevin are just two of a number of locations across the province that launched the campaign calling for a poverty-free Ontario.

Let's Vote for a Poverty Free Ontario is an initiative between the Social Planning Network of Ontario, Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition and Poverty Free Ontario as a nonpartisan initiative to ask politicians to commit to a debate on poverty.

"Poverty is integrated into everything in life," said Mulligan. Mary Anne Feagan, a community health worker for Bridges, believes candidates should consider putting poverty on the agenda during the election.

"There is a correlation between poverty and health," Feagan said. "We just ask in a non-partisan way for this consideration."

We agree with the two of them and whether people like to admit it or not, there is poverty all around us. When most people think of poverty, they immediately picture a starving child in an African nation or a Third World nation elsewhere in the world. But poverty isn't contained to the Third World, it's here in the First World as well.

With Niagara suffering massive job loss in the last decade, the number of people who have moved closer to the poverty line or fallen under it has increased.

Take a look at the increase in the use of food banks in Port Colborne and surrounding areas and you'll see it.

People have to decide whether to pay the rent, gas and water bills or buy food these days.

It's not a choice anyone should have to make.

We encourage people to bring up the issue of poverty when candidates come knocking on their doors in the next couple of weeks before the election. Ask them what they'll do to help end poverty in the province.

BADAWEY BALD

Mayor Vance Badawsky stuck to his word and shaved his head last weekend at the annual Terry Fox Run in Port Colborne.

Badawsky said he'd shave if \$1,600 was raised for the run. He was also joined by organizer Nancy Salvage, who shaved her head for the fifth year in a row, and several others. Just after the head shave, those taking part in the Terry Fox Run made their way through the city on three, five and 10 kilometres routes.

Salvage said there were teams formed in support of friends and family who are battling cancer.

Those teams and individual participants and the head shave helped bring in a total of \$1,600 last Sunday. That's the most that's been raised by the run in the city. We'd like to congratulate all those who took part in the run and hope that next year, they can bring in even more to help in the fight against cancer.

■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

FR. DAVID GRAHAM SCOTT
St Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church

Children mattered to the Lord Jesus Christ. He called a little child to him and told his ambitious disciples that unless they were converted and became as little children, they would by no means enter into the kingdom of heaven.

He said, "Whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me" (Matthew 18:2-5).

Then Christ said, "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Clearly C.S. Lewis was right to say that Christ was not a tame lion.

Yet it seems to me that many parents today are tame citizens, letting governments do anything they like without so much as raised an eyebrow. The latest educational initiative of the McGuinty Government is the Equity and Inclusive Education (EIE) strategy, which all Public and Catholic school boards must follow.

Former Education Minister Kathleen Wynne, who oversaw the EIE policy, told Xtra on Sept. 7 that the Liberal Government will not back down from imposing its EIE policy on Ontario schools. She said that the education system is the "single most important"

means of tackling "homophobia" among today's youth.

The EIE strategy urges school boards to participate in the Gay Pride parades, use texts by homosexual authors, and introduce gay-straight alliance clubs in the schools. In July, Premier Dalton McGuinty said that implementing homosexual clubs is "not a matter of choice." At the same time the Ministry of Education insists that such clubs must help students to "reform their sexuality."

Meanwhile the American College of Pediatricians cautioned educators about the management of students experiencing same-sex attraction or exhibiting symptoms of gender confusion, saying that a pro-homosexuality attitude could retard a natural uncertainty in youth for the worse.

College President Dr. Thomas Benton told American school superintendents that schools should not seek to develop policy which affirms or encourages non-heterosexual attractions among students who may merely be experimenting or experiencing temporary sexual confusion.

Such pressure labeling could lead some adolescents to engage in homosexual behaviors that carry serious physical and mental health risks.

But the Toronto, Hamilton and other school boards have decided to try to integrate their "sexual diversity" instruction throughout the curriculum in response to the EIE policy. And the Toronto and Hamilton boards forbid parents from removing their children

from the classroom during sexual diversity instruction.

But according to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 26.3, "Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children." I ask, Do Ontario children belong to the state or to their parents?

Words like equity and inclusiveness and diversity may sound like sweetness and light, but are they not masking the issue that the Ministry of Education is turning education into state propaganda as far as moral and sexual issues are concerned?

While on contract with the Ministry of Education, David Walpole was asked if they would be open to another perspective on how to approach homosexuality in schools. He said, "No, it's too late. The program is planned, it's been sent out. We're not debating whether things are right or wrong, we're simply presenting what is a requirement for boards to do within their policies."

So the McGuinty government — in agreement of the NDP of course — is going full steam ahead in its EIE policy without regard to parents' rights, without regard to right or wrong, and without regard to Christ's warning not to cause the little of little ones to sin. The question now is whether Ontario parents and grandparents will tamely accept more of this misguided experimentation and social engineering on our kids, or will instead vote for change.

■ readers' views

Not a crime to be young

I take offense to the letter Not safe for pedestrians from Sept. 13, in which the writer states the usual teenage rejoinder to being yelled at is I-f-off.

I work at the youth drop-in centre in Port Colborne. As part of my daily routine I work with young people all the time and some of them are even those dreaded bike riders that have people in an uproar.

Some of them think our wheelchair ramp is a great place to hike and skateboard and I have to politely remind them even though I appreciate them coming to the drop-in I cannot allow them to use the rails as a skateboard park. More often than not they respond to me with, "Sorry man," and move on. I have had the occasional bad word and/or attitude thrown my way but believe me when I say this is the exception.

The agestism and yes, even sexism against young men that goes on in

this canalside town is embarrassing. Thankfully it is a small number of people who feel that way but they always seem to be the most vocal.

A number of people seeing young boys on bikes and prejudice them, assuming they are nothing more than troublemaker people who feel like they can't be anything more than that. Now, that is not to say that some of them are not innocent but most of the young people I come across are fine young people who merely want something to do in Port Colborne.

As I write this letter I see a number of people riding bikes on the sidewalk next to where I work and most of them so far have not been younger folks at all. Later on that will change as the kids come out after supper to hang out in front of city hall but the most dreadful activity then is the guys chilling and talking to their buds.

I also assume the writer is joking about the laws allowing males to drive bikes or cars until they are 16. Talk about painting a

whole segment of society with one brush because of the actions of a minority.

It's not like the law says that if you would have been forced to find work within walking distance of my home so I could take care of my family. I find it ironic this letter was next to one about seeking legal treatment because there are a number of people who are not receiving equal treatment in Port Colborne because they are being discriminated against.

Letting the actions of a few people determine how you feel about the rest of a particular segment of society is prejudicial and it is those kind of attitudes we need to rid ourselves of if we wish to live in a society of harmony.

Call me an idealist if you wish but that is what I hope and work for.

Bradley Sheen
Port Colborne

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■ COLUMN

An artistic presence is being painted in Port

LINDSAY COSTELLO
Special to InPort News

Home to several art studios and galleries, the City of Port Colborne is developing a strong artistic presence. Whether found in home studios or on display at public art, art is all around.

Arts Place Gallery, at 714 King St., is frequently updating its space in order to accommodate new work and features a new artist each month.

Joyce Honsberger, gallery founder and coordinator, is presenting her new exhibit, Human Edges, until Oct. 9.

She began developing the concept a year ago and has created various pieces that explore human perspectives.

Human Edges uses abstract figures with accented edges and includes three different mediums and a variety of colours.

The focus of the exhibit is a series of larger paper-pulp paintings that can be seen hanging on the main wall. Wire sculptures surround the space and create a contrast with these paintings as well as ink and pencil drawings hanging in groups.

Having debuted the pieces on Sept. 1, Honsberger also held an opening reception on Sept. 11. Although she has exhibited at many galleries, this is her first time displaying her own work at Arts Place.

Honsberger said the pieces were created very spontaneously and that she likes the dynamic that is created when a variety of pieces are displayed in the same space.

For her, the way her work is displayed is just as important as the work itself.

"If you really articulate the space, it defines the space,"

To Honsberger, each piece is unique. "They all have their own special characteristic, appeal and vision," she said.

She said it is important to read a piece of artwork and take time to see each piece for what it's worth.

"I think they're timeless." While artists are filling their canvases, the Port Colborne Operatic Society is working to fill auditoriums as the group gears up for their annual musical.

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COSTELLO

Auditions draw 'a lot of talent'

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Although the tale of little orphan Annie won't hit the lakeside city until 2012, the group is already hard at work piecing together the show.

Having held registration nights over the past two weeks to introduce aspiring actors to the play's material, the group was able to take the next step over the weekend as they met potential cast members.

Auditions were held over three days as the directors sought to fill the show's ten main roles. Annie calls for a variety of cast members as it features both adult and child roles.

Meeting in Bethel Hall, the group of directors began to narrow down the field before heading into the callback phase and hoped to have their final choices by this week.

"We've seen a lot of talent," said Musical Director Faye Been of the prospects.

With acting, singing and dancing all main cast requirements, performers need to be triple threats, making roles difficult to fill but the directors agreed the audition process had gone well.

Been said this production would be one that could draw a crowd.

"This is an audience grabber," she said.

"Anytime you have kids in a production, it's a good draw," added President Emily Denney of the family-oriented selection.

Although rehearsals are set to begin on Wednesday, the group is still looking for more chorus members and dancers to help fill the stage with song



LINDSAY COSTELLO inPort News Photo

Joyce Honsberger, founder and co-ordinator of Arts Place Gallery, is exhibiting her abstract work at the King St. gallery until Oct. 9.

and dance.

Backstage hands are also needed to assist with sets, props, makeup and

organization.

Those interested in filling any of the positions can contact Pat Ballin by calling 905-834-9307.

"It's a good winter hobby,"

said Been. "We would love to have more people.

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■ SURVEY

Residents asked if they trust the NHS

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Niagara residents are being asked to share their views about the Niagara Health System.

They can have a say about how trustworthy they feel the NHS is by filling out an online survey at www.legisweb.com/NHS.

Terry Flynn, an assistant professor with McMaster University's department of communication studies and multimedia, said the NHS contracted the university in July to determine how Niagara residents feel about the bulk of their hospitals are being managed.

Since then, he's put together a team of students and designed a research program to obtain the information.

He said they're conducting a "quantitative study" calling about 600 people served by the NHS, similar to the way political polls are conducted. They're also conducting a qualitative study, talking to about 30 community leaders ranging from politicians, health care professionals and advocacy groups.

In addition, he said the research team chose to offer the online poll to ensure that anyone who wanted to participate had the opportunity to do so.

It includes the same questions as those being asked in the telephone survey.

The survey will be available online until Sept. 28.

"I think people genuinely have a voice and we want those voices to be heard," Flynn said, adding the university's research ethics

"I get to see health care delivery right up front and it's pretty complex. It's not like a factory where they're producing the same widgets everyday, because everybody's case is different."

Terry Flynn, an assistant professor with McMaster University's department of communication studies and multimedia

board has received and approved the study.

There are about 40 survey questions in total.

Respondents are asked to rate on a scale of one to five whether they agree or disagree with the statements. People can also choose "I

don't know/prefer not to answer" in response to the questions.

A few of the questions include:

"The management of the Niagara Health System gives people like me enough say in the decision-making pro-

cess," and, "I think that the Niagara Health System succeeds by stepping on other people."

The survey also includes a few areas where respondents can write about their thoughts and experiences regarding the NHS.

The results of that survey will be released publicly Oct. 12, and will be posted on the NHS web-site www.niagarahhealth.on.ca/. Flynn has recently been spending a lot of time in hospitals in his area, after a close family member had a stroke.

"For the most part, we're

happy with health care until we have to use it," he said.

"I get to see health care delivery right up front and it's pretty complex. It's not like a factory where they're producing the same widgets everyday, because everybody's case is different. The hard part about it is sometimes things happen that even medical science can't understand why. People want certainties and guarantees and sometimes in life we're not able to provide that."

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■ EMPTY: Former bowling alley burns



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Windows are boarded up at a four-unit building on Welland St. in Port Colborne, which sustained more than \$100,000 damage in a Saturday night fire.

Fire still under investigation

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A fire at 185 Welland St. in Port Colborne last Saturday night has been labelled suspicious by police and firefighters.

The fire broke out at around 3 p.m. in an empty building that had four apartments, but only one occupant who was not home at the time of the blaze.

"We're still sorting through it. It is suspicious circumstances, but we're still investigating," fire prevention officer Mike Bendia said.

It took about 20 firefighters seven and a half hours to douse the blaze because the building had been through so many renovations over the years.

"Welland assisted with some manpower to help. It was a very extensive overhaul because it was a very old building — lots of false floors and all that kind of stuff," he said.

The building, that used to be a bowling alley, sustained more than \$100,000 worth of damage, said Bendia, who suggested the building may not be salvageable.

"There's a big hole in the roof. There has been extensive damage here. Two units were damaged (by the fire) and the other two have heavy smoke and water damage," he said.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office was on scene Monday morning to help investigate. The building was been secured by Niagara Regional Police officers.

"We're just going to board it up and dig in tomorrow when the fire marshal comes down," Bendia said.

Police are asking anyone who has any information to call Niagara Regional Police, at 905-735-7811, ext. 3354, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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■ **CAMPAIGN:** Kicks off today

Change starts here for United Way

InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Change starts at home for the United Way of South Niagara.

The non-profit organization that serves Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Pelham has a number of events lined up in the next few weeks as it prepares to launch its 2011 fundraising campaign.

With the theme of "Change Starts Here" the organization will begin its fundraising campaign by focusing on three strategic areas: Poverty to Possibility; Healthy People, Strong Communities; and All That Kids and Families Can Be.

Executive director Peter Papp said as in last year's campaign,

there is no set fundraising goal for 2011. Rather the focus will be maintained on the 17 agencies the United Way supports.

"We're working on defining what programs we can support through those three key areas," Papp said of the campaign focus.

"It's a transitional time and we will work through this. We will continue to support the agencies we do every year.

The campaign will be officially launched Friday, Sept. 23 with the annual campaign gala. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Wainfleet resident, author and humourist William Thomas.

On the night of the gala, Natasha Smagata, an individual that utilized many programs supported by the

United Way will tell her story about the programs that helped get her life back on track, including com-

pleting high school and college and gaining a full-time position with the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

"When they hear a true success story the words will hang on to a lot of people," Papp said.

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■ electionbriefs

GET ON THE VOTERS LIST

WELLAND — What happens if you've never voted before?

According to Elections Ontario, there can be an eligible voter, residents must be a Canadian citizen, aged 18 years and older, live in an electoral district and have already voted in a previous election.

Previous voters names will have been registered on a voters list. Before election

day registered voters should receive a registration card in the mail confirming their name on the list. The registration card entitles the resident to vote on election day. The card must be brought to polling stations.

Elections Ontario states not being on a voters list can not prevent residents from participating on election day. There are two ways to get on a

voters list.

On election day residents can provide a document with proof of name and address at a local polling station to be added to a voters list.

Residents can also get a certificate to vote at their local returning office or advance poll location. Proof of name and residence must be given before election day to receive a certificate to vote.

More information can be found at www.wemakevotingeasy.ca

ADVANCE POLL LOCATIONS

WELLAND — For those unable to vote on election night on Oct. 6, attending an advance poll is another option.

All advance poll locations are open between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Welland riding.

There are nine locations:

- * Returning Office (27 Centre St.) in Welland, Sept. 21-30.
- * Club Roma (125 Vansickle Rd.) in Thorold, Sept. 26-30.
- * Club Capri (26 Cleveland St.) in Thorold, Sept. 21-25.
- * Thor/Rice Plaza (30 Rice Rd.) in Welland, Sept. 21-30.
- * Christian Life Assembly (484 Barrick Rd.) in Port Colborne, Sept. 21-30.

* Wainfleet Arena (31917 Park St.) in Wainfleet, Sept. 26-30.

- * Brock University Student Alumni Building (500 Glenridge Ave.) in St. Catharines, Sept. 28 and 29.
- * Nick Basciano Community Centre (311 Richmond St.) in Thorold, Sept. 26-30.
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Rachelle Anderson, Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre operations co-ordinator, and Bruce Ferri, owner of Thruway Muffler in Port Colborne, are encouraging people to feed the Main St. horses on Sept. 23 and 24.

■ FOOD: Fundraiser for Port Cares

Horsing around for a good cause

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Bruce Ferri wants to collect a wagon-load of food.

After all there are plenty of horses on Main St. to help him get it down to Port Cares.

The owner of Thruway Muffler has decided to put the makeshift horses, which have become a novelty for residents and visitors alike, to work.

Ferri is hosting the inaugural Feed the Horses event on Friday, Sept. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 24. During those two days, people can drop off non-perishable food items for Port Cares at businesses where the horses are located.

The horses first began appearing on Main St. in mid-June after Ward 3 Coun. and Frank's Home Building Centre owner Frank Danch

“It's a wonderful event. It's great to see businesses come together to do this without us even requesting the help.”

Rachelle Anderson

created Happy.

The cardboard horse was meant to make a statement about the installation of bicycle racks during the Main St. redesign. Since there are no bike lanes on Main St. and bikes can't be ridden on the sidewalk, the rack outside the store was used as a hitching post for Happy.

The concept has since

turned into a fun way for businesses to show their creativity by putting together unique horses that represent each individual establishment.

Mr Ed., of Thruway Muffler, for instance, is made up of exhaust parts.

The horses have garnered plenty of attention and Ferri is hoping to turn that equine popularity into donations for Port Cares. Ferri encouraged youth to come by and have a look at the horses while feeding them some non-perishable goodies. Baskets will be placed either outside or inside at businesses featuring horses.

“There are a lot of things we're out of or low on right now,” said Rachelle Anderson, Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre operations co-ordinator.

While all donations are welcome, the agency is most in need of crackers, granola bars, canned fruit, juice, rice and peanut butter.

Port Cares also accepts monetary donations and grocery store gift cards, which allow for the purchase of perishable items such as milk, eggs, meat and produce.

“It's a wonderful event,” Anderson said of Feed the Horses. “It's great to see businesses come together to do this without us even requesting the help.”

Every donation “impacts those in need in the community,” she added.

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■ **GETTING FIT:** Subway helping out

Port Colborne city workers battling the bulge

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne City Hall pledges to get fit this winter.

"Everybody should be doing this — employees, employers the whole city," Bob Heil, the municipality's chief administrative officer, said.

Joanne Ferraccioli, health services co-ordinator, for the city, and Andrea Hawkins have organized the event, Healthier You, for the past three years. Last year, 13 people took part for 13 weeks and lost more than 100 pounds between them. This year 23 municipal workers have committed to 20 weeks of living a healthy active

lifestyle.

"As health services co-ordinator I focus on the health of others, not always on my own health, and everyone should," Ferraccioli said.

When Bob Brochu, owner of the Subway outlet in downtown Port Colborne, found out city workers were trying to get fit, he and his wife Silvana wanted to help.

Last week, city workers gathered the restaurant at the corner of Clarence and Elms Sts. to kick off their healthy lifestyle challenge.

The Brochu's presented each participant with a \$10 gift card and a pedometer to get them started, with the overall winner receiving a \$50 gift card.

"This program really fits

in with Subway's mandate. It has expanded to more than just healthy food, but encourages Canadians to make healthy lifestyle choices as well," Bob Brochu said.

He also wants to start a contest for everyone in Port Colborne and surrounding area that is similar and incorporates Subway's new

Commit to Fit. The online program calculates the nutritional value of individualized sandwiches and gives access to nutritional experts, personal trainers and personal life coaches.

"We really can't enjoy anything else in life if we aren't mentally and physically fit. Everything else depends on that," Silvana Brochu said.

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■ SCHOOLS

Interest growing in Student Vote initiative

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — For a student, understanding the democratic process can be intimidating, but high schools across Ontario are taking on the challenge in record numbers.

Four high schools and six elementary schools in Welland and Port Colborne join Student Vote record breaking 23,000 schools to participate in the student vote on October 4 and 5.

"The best time to learn about democracy and citizenship is during elections," Lindsay Mazzucco, chief operating officer at Student Vote. "It's a teachable moment, it's real issues and real time. We believe it's the best time to learn, you can't learn citizenship out of a textbook. We believe the best way to learn is by doing it."

Once a school has registered, Student Vote will send the participating school an information package with resources and suggestions on how to engage students in the election.

Stephanie Minor, a Grade 7 teacher at the District School Board of Niagara Academy in Welland signed her school up because she believes it gives them and their families a better understanding of the issues in their community and the importance of voting.

"It's to create a culture of voting and create a culture of the importance of democracy and that everybody's vote counts," she said.

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■ SCHOOLS

Notre Dame hosts debate Sept. 29

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A previous class used online resources to create blogs to discuss about an issue they cared about, using different parties' platforms.

"We want to teach them to be critical thinkers, we want an electorate that can ask good questions," she said.

Jonathan LePera, a Grade 10 and 11 law teacher at Notre Dame College School in Welland has always had a passion for politics and he and the social sciences department think the student vote is a great way to let students know politics can inspire positive change and keep students politically active in their adult lives.

"It's absolutely important (to educate students on the electoral process) especially when you see voter turnout,

you're lucky if you get 60%. By getting them involved in the process, right now, and making them realize that they are an important part of the process. Their voices deserve to be heard," he said.

The school is hosting a debate on Sept. 29, the day of their vote to give students a chance to meet politicians and ask questions.

"I'm really hoping they might stay politically active and maybe even go to office one day," he said.

"We need to get those voter participation rates up too."

Student Vote is funded by Elections Ontario and free to participating schools. Mazzucco said schools can register to take part in the vote by calling their offices at 1-866-488-8775 or registering on the website www.studentvote.ca.



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BUSINESS AFTER 5: Local chambers united



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

The Welland-Pelham, Port Colborne-Wainfleet and Niagara Falls chambers of commerce hosted a Business After 5 event at the Niagara College Welland campus on Wednesday night to help unite business owners from all three chambers. The event offers networking opportunities for the business community. Members of all three organizations gathered to enjoy delights from the college's culinary program. Pictured from left are Welland-Pelham chamber president Aggie Giovannini, executive director Dolores Fabiano, Marilena Basilone, executive assistant at the Niagara Falls chamber, Donna Martens-Gamm, past president of the Port Colborne-Wainfleet chamber, and Gord Hunchak, the college's director of marketing and communications.

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INTERSECTION CALLED UNSAFE

PORT COLBORNE — William Augustine wants to see changes where Elm and Park Sts. meet.

The Port Colborne resident shared concerns of unsafe conditions at the intersection during a recent council meeting.

Augustine detailed a number of incidents and collisions that have

taken place at the location right by his house that is causing so much worry.

"The main problem is it's hard to see traffic approaching from the north," he told councillors.

As a result, cars often pull out too far into the intersection and are sometimes forced to reverse to avoid a collision, he said.

Park St. runs parallel to a set of train tracks. The gradient on the road varies greatly on either side of the tracks,

which makes it difficult for drivers to see oncoming traffic.

In the winter, snow piles make the

sight lines even worse, Augustine said.

Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele put forth a motion, which was approved, for staff

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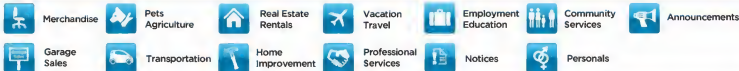
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